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SPICES INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the profits earned in the spices industry during the last three years;

(b) the details of setbacks due to the liberalisation policy being faced by the industry;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the biggest cinnomon estate in Asia is at Anjarakandy in Kannur district, Kerala;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to take any measures to develop and exploit the Anjarakandy Estate; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by the Government to promote the spices in the market through Spices Board during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The estimates of profits earned in spices industry is not available. However, the estimated value of the spices production in the country based on current prices and value of exports of spices and spice products for three years are given below :-

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Value of Production	Value of exports
1997-98	11922.94	1408.31
1998-99	15065.34	1758.02
1999-2000	17059.02	1861.03

(b) The increase in value of export and value of production of spices has been more than increase in value of imports of spices. However, recently decline in prices of some spices has been reported.

(c) & (d) The Anjarakandy cinnamon estate is in private sector. Government has, therefore, no direct role in development and upkeep of the plantations in this estate.

(e) Spices Board is implementing a number of programmes to promote export of spices with focus on improving quality of spices and value addition. The Board also supports the exporters with adequate data on international market, prices, quality, competitiveness, etc. and help exporters to introduce their products in overseas markets.